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**NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND, PATUXENT RIVER, Md.** — The Navy team laying the foundation for DoD's most robust reusable software application standard was recently recognized with a Defense Standardization Program Achievement Award.

The annual award, announced Feb. 26, honored the Future Airborne Capability Environment, or FACE, team for leading the U.S. Navy's efforts to develop guidelines that will support the reuse of software applications across DoD avionics systems.

The Naval Air Systems Command's FACE team was launched in 2008 and is located under the Air Combat Electronics Program Office (PMA 209), which is part of the Program Management organization, or AIR 1.0. PMA-209 provides cradle-to-grave common avionics solutions for the Department of the Navy through products and support in communication and airborne networking; navigation and flight operations; mission systems and sensors; and capability management.

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"The FACE approach is enabling the Navy to save money while still providing capabilities to the warfighter faster through software portability and reuse," said Keith Sanders, who leads AIR-1.0 as the assistant commander for Acquisition. "This standard will serve as a cornerstone to provide the Navy and our partners in the other service branches with innovative approaches to delivering cost-effective solutions in the future."

In the short time since the FACE team's inception, it has already aided industry product development and supported multiple government procurements, Navy officials said.

The FACE Technical Standard promotes industry-government collaboration in a trusted environment, using proven processes and governance by The Open Group, who manages the FACE Consortium. Formed in June 2010, the FACE Consortium is an aviation-focused professional network made up of more than 50 industry suppliers, customers, academia and users. Consortium membership includes Naval NAVAIR as well as sponsor organizations Lockheed Martin, Rockwell Collins and U.S. Army Program Executive Office Aviation.

According to the Defense Standardization Program Office's site, since 1987, the organization has recognized individuals and organizations that have made significant improvements in quality, reliability, readiness, cost reduction and interoperability through standardization.